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Dear Neighbors,

National Night Out 2019 is in the books! On Tuesday, the District 6 Team joined 26 neighborhood and community celebrations across our district. Community celebrations like National Night Out serve as a powerful reminder of the beauty and diversity of the District 6 community. Thank you to all the neighborhoods that allowed my team and me to be a part of your gatherings. We can't wait to join more of you next year!

Check out photos from National Night Out 2019 here.

Traffic Congestion and VIA Reimagined

District 6 residents continue to face worsening traffic congestion around major corridors in our community. That's why the District 6 Staff and I met with VIA Metropolitan Transit last week to discuss the upcoming VIA Reimagined initiative. The VIA Reimagined plan will consist of three key elements: (1) A Better Bus System, (2) Advanced Rapid Transit, and (3) Smart Transit. The VIA Reimagined plan is based on the VIA Vision 2040 planning process which includes input from VIA's partner organizations, the City of San Antonio and Bexar County, and hundreds of community meetings and gatherings across the San Antonio region.

Over the next several months, VIA will be holding community information sessions to talk more about VIA Reimagined and what comes next to address mobility in our community. The nearest sessions for District 6 residents will be held at the following dates and locations:

Thursday, October 10, 2019
Ingram Transit Center
3515 Northwestern
San Antonio, TX 78238

Monday, October 21, 2019
Port San Antonio
907 Billy Mitchell Blvd. Ste. 110
San Antonio, TX 78226

The District 6 Team and I are committed to finding solutions to our traffic problems in the district. To do so, we'll need to make smart investments in multimodal transportation options that will allow residents to spend less time traveling and more time to live, work, and play. I fully believe that VIA will be part of that solution and I hope you do too!

Yours in service,

Melissa Cabello Havrda Councilwoman, District 6

FROM THE DISTRICT 6 OFFICE

The Week in Photos



Councilwoman Cabello Havrda joined District 6 residents at the Alicia Trevino Lopez Senior Center on September 27th for their monthly birthday celebration for its members. Happy Birthday and Feliz Cumpleaños to all!

Check out more photos from the September Birthday Celebration here.



Councilwoman Cabello Havrda and the District 6 Staff toured the Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas on Friday, September 27th to learn about the services the center provides to children and families who are grieving the death of a loved one.

Learn more about the Children's Bereavement Center <u>here</u> and check out more photos from the center <u>here</u>.



Councilwoman Cabello Havrda celebrated National Night Out 2019 at nine District 6 neighborhood and community events on Tuesday, October 1st. Throughout the night, the District 6 Team joined 26 celebrations across the district, including at John Jay High School where an estimated 1500 community members joined in the festivities.

Check out more photos from National Night Out here.

City Council District 6 Distinguished Citizen Award

On Friday, October 4th, Councilwoman Melissa Cabello Havrda presented the City Council District 6 Distinguished Citizen Award to the family of Lynne T. Dean.

Lynne T. Dean, CFRE, was a Director of Institutional Advancement at Northwest Vista College and Managing Associate of Dean and Associates.



At Northwest Vista College for nine years, she worked on building relationships with donors and prospects, connecting with the community and

making a difference in the lives of students. She was a leader in the San Antonio fundraising community for years, culminating in the Presidency of the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2018.

She and her full-service consulting firm, Dean and Associates, worked with nonprofits to help them transform passion and mission into extraordinary community impact. She provided counsel in strategic and campaign planning and execution, board development, board and volunteer training, marketing and community relations and general management and fundraising services.

Lynne Dean is survived by her husband of 42 years, Robert Dean, her son Eric Dean, daughter Kristin Dean, and five grandchildren.



Council Committee Meetings

The District 6 Office has heard from many residents about the need to bring greater transparency to local government. While Council A and B Sessions have historically been broadcast on public access television and online at TVSA, the City of San Antonio has started broadcasting Council Committee Meetings and some Boards and Commissions Meetings.

Back in July, Mayor Nirenberg appointed Councilwoman Cabello Havrda to seven Council Committees including the Public Safety, Transportation and Mobility, Inter-Governmental Relations, Economic and Workforce Development, Innovation and Technology, Investments, and Municipal Court Committees. Below you'll find the calendar of Councilwoman Cabello Havrda's committee meetings for the next month. We hope you'll tune in!

Inter-Governmental Relations Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 9th

Time: 10:00 am

Location: City Council Chambers

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 15th

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: City Council Chambers

Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, October 21st

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: City Council Chambers

Innovation and Technology Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 22nd

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: City Council Chambers

Economic and Workforce Development Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: City Council Chambers

You can access each committee meeting agenda <u>here</u>.

Looking for An Opportunity to Serve Your Community?

The District 6 Office is currently seeking applicants to fill Boards and Commissions vacancies. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Neighborhood Improvements Advisory Committee

Small Business Advocacy Committee

Transportation Advisory Board

City Commission on Veterans Affairs

San Antonio Housing Trust

San Antonio Youth Commission

City of San Antonio Higher Education Student Advisory Board (College students only)

For more information, please call Matthew Baiza at matthew.baiza@sanantonio.gov or call 210-207-3479.

Click here to apply today!

SASpeakUp Survey: Housing Tax Credits



According to San Antonio's Housing Policy Framework, half of all renters in the city spend more than a third of their income on rent. This means that families have less money left over for basic needs like food, transportation, healthcare, and quality of life.

The Housing Tax Credit (HTC) program helps build and preserve affordable housing all over the United States. Since 1986, the program has helped build affordable apartments for about 700,000 households in Texas. The City expects HTCs to fund more than 70% of all affordable apartments in San Antonio.

To receive HTCs, developers apply to the State. They need a letter of

support from the City where they want to build. The City of San Antonio is updating our criteria for letters of support.

The survey will be open on the SASpeakUp website from September 25th through October 11th. To take the survey, click the button below.

TAKE THE HOUSING TAX CREDIT SURVEY

SASpeakUp Survey: Highway 151 and Loop 1604 Area Regional Center Plan



The City of San Antonio's Planning Department is gathering community feedback to improve the draft recommendations that have been developed related to land use, housing strategies, and economic development strategies for the Highway 151 & Loop 1604 Area Regional Center Plan. The Planning Department is also requesting input related to mobility in the Plan area.

The Plan will guide development and City decisions and investments over the next 10 years. To learn more about the Highway 151 & Loop 1604 Area Regional Center Plan, please visit: https://highway151.sacompplan.com/

The content of the Plan will address the following topics:

- Economic Development
- Housing
- Infrastructure and Public Space
- Land Use and Development
- Neighborhood Priorities
- Parks and Trails
- Transformative Projects

• Transportation

The survey will be open on the SASpeakUp website from September 16th through November 1st. To take the survey, click the button below.

UPDATE: The District 6 Office has received a copy of the Highway 151 and Loop 1604 Area Regional Center Plan maps and survey questions. Feel free to stop by the District 6 Office to review the plans and provide your input in person!





TAKE THE AREA REGIONAL PLAN SURVEY

Survey: CPS Energy FlexSTEP and FlexPowerBundle



CPS Energy is asking the community for feedback on FlexSTEP, the next generation of energy management programs for its customers. Through receiving input from an array of community stakeholders, CPS Energy plans to update, design and create programs and services that meet the needs of its customers.

TAKE THE FLEXSTEP SURVEY

TAKE THE FLEXPOWERBUNDLE SURVEY

DISTRICT 6 IN THE NEWS

Canadian Baked Goods Company Chooses San Antonio for Westside Expansion



"The San Antonio Economic Development Foundation (SAEDF) announced Monday that FGF Brands has chosen to invest over \$129 million in expanding its operations in San Antonio and adding 600 new jobs. The new plant would be built on a 100-acre parcel of land at 6245 State Highway 151."

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Bexar's Eye: Edgewood District Veterans
Hearts 'Beat for the Community'



"Each week, a similar gathering takes place at a different restaurant somewhere within the Edgewood Independent School District boundaries. Gutierrez and his fellow diners are members of Edgewood District Veterans, a nonprofit that raises money for scholarships and resources for students in Edgewood ISD."

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Students from 1968 Re-enact Walkout to Help Unveil Changing the World Mural



"In 1968, while San Antonio was hosting the world's fair downtown, just a few miles away a group of students was protesting at Edgewood High School. They carried signs saying "Better Books, Better Education," and "College, Not Vietnam." More than 50 years later, some of the participants of the Edgewood walkout were present to unveil the Changing the World mural that

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AROUND DISTRICT 6

Upcoming Community Meetings



Tara Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 9th

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Christian Evers Elementary, 1715 Richland Hills

Oak Creek Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 14th

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Cavalry Hills Baptist Church, 910 W. Loop 1604 N.

Misty Oaks Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 14th

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Swimming Pool Office, 7711 Misty Park

Pipers Meadow Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 15th

Time: 7:00pm

Location: District 6 Field Office, 8373 Culebra Rd.

Guilbeau Park Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 15th

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Guilbeau Park Community Center, 9214 Caen

Lackland Terrace Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 15th Time: 6:30pm

Location: Virginia Gill Community Center, 7902 Westshire

Los Jardines Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 16th

Time: 6:30pm

Location: 1030 Enrique Barrera Pkwy, Suite 1

Misty Oaks Annual Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 17th

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Jimmy Elrod Elementary School, 8885 Heath Circle

Great Northwest Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 17th

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Great Northwest Lodge, 8890 Timberwilde

Free Fun at San Antonio Libraries October 4th - 6th



TODDLER 2

Great Northwest Branch Library (9050 Wellwood, 78250)

Friday, October 4

10:15am

Guerra Chess Club

Guerra Branch Library (7978 Military Dr. W., 78227)

Friday, October 4

3-5pm

Kids, Teens, Adults, Family, Seniors, All Ages

Chess is a great game for all ages. Join our group each Friday to learn about the game and to meet other chess players.

Essential Oils 101: Winter Wellness

Great Northwest Branch Library (9050 Wellwood, 78250)

Saturday, October 5

2-4pm

Teen Arts Fest: Featured Artist Exhibit

Great Northwest Branch Library (9050 Wellwood, 78250)

Sunday, October 6

Sunday, October 6 – Saturday, November 23

Rachel Kamata, best of show for 2018 Teen Arts Fest Adjudicated Art Show, is this year's Teen Arts Fest featured artist. Kamata joined the Blue Star Contemporary MOSAIC Student Artist Program in 2016. While in MOSAIC she has participated in numerous exhibitions in the MOSAIC Student Gallery. The MOSAIC program has allowed Kamata to explore new mediums such as oil painting and ceramics, while also introducing her to the San Antonio art scene with fourteen MOSAIC Gallery exhibitions and two Public Art commissions.

I Heart Vinyl

Potranco Branch Library (8765 State Hwy. 151, #102, 78245)

Sunday, October 6

All Day

This day-long event showcases Potranco Branch Library's stellar collection of classic and contemporary vinyl.

Sunday Funday (Teens Only)

Potranco Branch Library (8765 State Hwy. 151, #102, 78245)

Sunday, October 6

1 - 2:30pm

Enjoy a good time on a Sunday Afternoon. Our Fun Day will be full of video games, virtual reality, trivia, board games, snacks and more!!!!

Library for All: Programs for Adults with disabilities

Great Northwest Branch Library (9050 Wellwood, 78250) Sunday, October 6

3 - 4:30 pm

Once a month we welcome adults with disabilities and their caregivers to make crafts, create art, play games, and explore the library.

AROUND THE CITY

September 30 - November 8: Swim Lessons at San Antonio Natatorium

Group swimming lessons are offered at the Natatorium for youth ages 4 and up as well as adults. Lessons are designed for beginning and intermediate skill levels. Group swimming lessons include six lessons offered over a two week period. Session dates and times are available vary and are available on our registration site.



October 5: The Kelly Gala: A Celebration of Kelly AFB Families

Enjoy an evening of fun, reunion and remembrance as former Kelly employees and the Base are honored. Kelly memorabilia will be displayed. A sit-down dinner will be served and local band the Lamplighters will provide dance music from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. Tickets can be purchased by phone.

The Kelly Gala:

A Celebration of
Kelly AFB Families
Saturday, October 5, 2019
Dinner
Music by: The Lamplighters Big Band
6-11 pm
St. Paul Community Center
1201 Donaldson
\$25 per person ~ \$40 per couple
\$160 for table of 8



October 7 - October 29: VIA Reimagined Plan Information Sessions

VIA Metropolitan Transit will be hosting several Public Meetings in the month of October 2019. VIA is Reimagining Transit and you're part of the plan. We're delivering a **Better**, **Faster**, **Smarter** transit system so that you can spend more time doing what you love. The VIA Reimagined plan consist of three key elements:

- 1. Better Bus System More frequent and reliable transit across the service area.
- 2. Advanced Rapid Transit A network of high-capacity vehicles running in dedicated lanes to bypass traffic.
- 3. Smart Transit Using technology to improve the customer experience.

Please join us at an **information session** to learn more about the **VIA Reimangined plan** and how it can work for you. All Open Houses will be from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM on the dates and locations below:



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THE VIA REIMAGINED PLAN

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Monday, October 7, 2019

Lion's Field Adult & Senior Center 2809 Broadway SA, TX 78209

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Eastside Education & Training Center 4551 Dietrich Rd. SA, TX 78219

Thursday, October 10, 2019

Ingram Transit Center 3215 Northwestern SA, TX 78238

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Harlandale Civic Center 115 W. Southcross Blvd. SA, TX 78221

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mexican American Unity Council 2300 W. Commerce St., # 200 SA, TX 78207

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Medical Center Transit Center 5330 Medical Drive SA, TX 78229

Monday, October 21, 2019

Port San Antonio 907 Billy Mitchell Blvd. Ste. 110 SA, TX 78226

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Crossroads Park & Ride 151 Crossroads Blvd. SA, TX 78201

Monday, October 28, 2019

The Ministry Center 4306 Naco Pass SA, TX 78217

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Stone Oak Park & Ride 22139 U.S. Highway 281 North SA, TX 78258

We're on this journey together. We need your feedback to succeed and make the VIA Reimagined Plan a reality. Visit VIAinfo.net/Reimagined today to learn more, submit feedback, sign up for alerts, or request a presentation. Email us at reimagined@viainfo.net

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October 9: Fraud Prevention for the Elderly Town Hall



Senator Jose Menendez

FRAUD PREVENTION FOR THE ELDERLY





October 9, 2019 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Northside Activity Center 7001 Culebra Rd. San Antonio, TX 78238

Guest Speakers:

Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar
San Antonio Chief of Police William McManus
Bexar County District Attorney Joe Gonzales
Judge Veronica Vasquez, Probate Court 2
Ann Cortez, Texas Adult Protective Services

Free and open to the public Light refreshments will be served.

To RSVP or for more information contact us at: 210-733-6604 or district26.menendez@senate.texas.gov

October 26: 2nd Annual abilitySTRONG Parade



Saturday, October 26th, 2019 9:00 am - 10:00 am Downtown, San Antonio

2019 Theme

Awareness...we're stronger together 2019 Motto: I Have A Voice "I Have A Voice" is the 2019 pillar we will use to communicate this message to San Antonio.

2019 Grand Marshal:

Samuel Allen, Samuel Allen Law Led by members of the City Council of San Antonio

The abilitySTRONG Parade is San Antonio's inaugural Disability Pride Celebration is a public expression of the belief that disability is a natural and beautiful part of human diversity in which people living with disabilities can take pride. Click here for more information.

October 31: Deadline to Apply to the Neighborhood Leadership Academy

The Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) is a six month interactive course designed to equip residents with the knowledge, network, and skills to be effective neighborhood leaders. Participants will learn how to navigate through city services to become effective advocates for their communities.

Classes will be held the third Tuesday of the month, January through June 2020, at venues located throughout San Antonio.

Applications for the 2020 Neighborhood Leadership Academy accepted through October 31, 2019. Selected candidates will be notified by November 2019.

READY TO APPLY? CLICK BELOW!

APPLY HERE





Interested in learning more about the NLA?
Sign up for an information session at
NLA2020.eventbrite.com
Sessions held 10/2, 10/3, 10/5, 10/7, and 10/8

November 12: Deadline to Apply for FY2020 Pre-Qualified List for Department of Arts and Culture

The Department of Arts and Culture is inviting artists and art support service providers to apply to be on the FY2020 Pre-Qualified List to be considered for potential opportunities with the department in the future.

While being included on the list does not guarantee work, it provides local artists the opportunity to be selected for future art projects through the City of San Antonio's Department of Arts and Culture.

A Pre-Submittal Workshop will include an overview of the FY2020 Call for Public Art Qualifications and will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at Centro de Artes (101 S. Santa Rosa Ave, San Antonio, TX 78207) at

6:00pm.

Applications will be accepted until November 12, 2019 at 4:30pm (CST) and can be accessed here.



CITY NEWS FOR YOU

City of San Antonio Launches New Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign



In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the City of San Antonio launched a public education campaign entitled "Love Is..." the campaign invites residents to identify healthy relationship behaviors, and seek help if they or a loved one is experiencing abuse.

"We have heard loud and clear from advocates and community members that people don't know where to go for help, and may not recognize abusive behaviors until things have gone too far. Sometimes, abusive behaviors are explained away as part of love. This campaign helps us all to focus on what love should look like: safe, healthy, and supportive," said Mayor Ron Nirenberg

As part of an ongoing comprehensive plan to address domestic violence, the City's new campaign highlights what healthy behaviors are and what the signs of abusive relationships can be. The initial PSA features several City Council members and Mayor Nirenberg. The community is invited to participate in filming segments for the campaign at the McNay Second Thursday event, October 10 from 6-9 PM.

In addition to the campaign, the City of San Antonio implemented a new employee Administrative Directive that provides support and guidance for City of San Antonio (COSA) employees who may be experiencing domestic violence. COSA Human Resources, in collaboration with SAPD, Metro Health, and community partners, is offering two employee workshops October 15th and 28th to support the implementation of the AD. Employees will be educated about the cycle of abuse, sources of support, and ways to help a coworker who may disclose an abusive relationship.

"As one of the region's largest employers, we want to lead by example. Stopping domestic violence won't come through one effort or program, but through a coordinated approach that includes prevention, support and intervention," said City Manager Walsh. "We hope other major employers will look at their policies and see what role they can take in supporting employees who may be experiencing domestic abuse."

The City of San Antonio is coordinating closely with Bexar County and community partners through the newly formed Collaborative Commission on

Domestic Violence (CCDV). The CCDV is the first coordinated, community effort to address domestic violence in San Antonio and Bexar County. According to the Center's for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization, coordinated community approaches have the best chance of reducing domestic violence in communities that fully invest in the model.

"The San Antonio Police Department has developed many innovative programs to provide support and training to our officers and expand our capacity to respond quickly and compassionately to survivors. By the time police are called, there are many places where early intervention could have changed the future for a survivor. We are all believers in stopping violence before it starts," said Police Chief William McManus.

The San Antonio Police Department, Department of Human Services, and Metro Health have been working closely together to identify new opportunities for collaboration and build on the unique expertise of each department.

Mayor Nirenberg presented a proclamation in acknowledgment of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the new Domestic Violence Awareness campaign at a news conference on Wednesday. A link to the new public service announcement is here.

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